Personalities

It's official. **Larry Flynt** has resigned as publisher of Hustler magazine, after undergoing a religious conversion through the efforts of **Ruth Carter Stapleton,** sister of **President Carter.**

Cynthia Johnson, a spokesman for Hustler, said Monday that Flynt had announced his resignation at the staff Christmas party in Columbus, Ohio, on Friday, but had withheld public announcement of the decision.

Flynt recently had pledged to transform his magazine from the portrayals of women as "pieces of meat" toward one with a healthy attitude toward sex.

Paul Krassner, former editor of The Realist, was appointed publisher by Flynt.

In a related action, Flynt reportedly also has purchased the Los Angeles tabloid, The L.A. Free-Press, and already is planning a special issue on **John F. Kennedy's** assassination.